

**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER
GLYNCO, GEORGIA 31524**

FLETC DIRECTIVE (FD)

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Subject:

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EXPLOSIVES REGULATIONS

1. PURPOSE. This directive promulgates the procedures for the admission, custody, control, security, accountability and use of explosives at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC).
2. SCOPE. This directive applies to all FLETC employees, on-site participating organization representatives, staff, students and all other personnel on the FLETC, Glynco, GA.
3. CANCELLATION. FLETC Directive 70-09.N, Explosives Regulations, dated October 25, 1985, is superseded.
4. REFERENCES.
 - a. OSHA Standards 29 CFR, 1910.109, "Explosives and Blasting Agents."
 - b. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (BATF), Explosives Law and Regulations ATF O-5400.7B (7/25/79)
 - c. BATF, Explosives Usage Policy, ATF-O3320.4B (5/1/92)
5. DEFINITIONS.
 - a. Explosive: Any chemical compound, mixture, or device, the primary or common purpose of which is to function by explosion. The term includes, but is not limited to, dynamite and other high explosives, black powder, pellet powder, initiative explosives, and detonators.
 - b. Detonator: Any device containing a detonating charge that is used for initiating detonation of an explosive.

c. Simulator: An explosive device used to create the effect of specific types of ammunition such as air burst, booby trap, artillery flash, hand grenade, and explosives.

6. BACKGROUND.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF), National Academy has been responsible for the procurement, admission, storage, security, accountability, and use of explosives on the FLETC since 1976. The FLETC established the explosives range for conducting all explosives demonstrations and has delegated control over this activity to the BATF. These demonstrations and training exercises are conducted in accordance with the policy and procedures established by the BATF National Academy, with the approval of the Director, FLETC.

7. STORAGE FACILITIES.

The possession and storage of explosives, initiating devices, or simulators at areas or locations in other than the following are unauthorized:

- a. Bunker 111 - BATF storage facility for all initiating devices such as blasting caps, simulators, etc.
- b. Bunker 112 - BATF storage facility for all bulk LOW and HIGH explosives (noninitiating) ONLY.
- c. Bunker 113 - FLETC storage facility for stocks of simulators, explosives, chemical agents, or ammunition.
- d. The Type 2 BATF Portable Magazine located at the Explosives Range is used as a temporary holding and storage facility for explosives used during scheduled demonstrations or training exercises.

8. POLICY. The Chief, BATF National Academy is delegated the responsibility for the storage, security, accountability, control, and use of explosives on the FLETC.

9. PROCEDURES.

a. Carriers. All transport carriers of explosives arriving at the FLETC will be required to check in at the Main Gate with the Security Police who will contact the Lead Explosives Instructor, BATF National Academy, or his/her designated representative and inform him/her of the impending delivery of explosives. The transport carrier will remain at the gate until the arrival of the BATF Lead Explosives Instructor or

designated personnel of the BATF National Academy. The BATF Lead Explosives Instructor or designated BATF personnel will escort the transport carrier to the appropriate storage bunker sites.

b. Consignee. The BATF consignee will ascertain the amount and type of explosives received and ensure their storage and security in accordance with established standard operating procedures.

c. Internal Transporting. The movement of ATF explosives, initiating devices, and detonators from storage facilities to the explosives range will be coordinated and supervised by the designated BATF Academy personnel. Route of travel will be via the most direct route consistent with minimum exposure to personnel.

d. Explosives Range. The Explosives Range Officer will ensure that telephonic communications are operational prior to **conducting** shots and that all safety devices are used to alert personnel in the immediate vicinity of explosives activities. All participants and observers will adhere to established safety standards during shots. The Range Officer and/or Range Safety Officer have the final authority to close the range due to unsafe conditions. The Range Officer has the final authority regarding range operations.

10. RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. The Chief, BATF National Academy, is responsible for the procurement, receipt, proper storage, security, control, accountability, and use of explosives, initiating devices, and simulators. A perpetual inventory system shall be established to ensure control and accountability. Upon request, an inventory summary will be furnished to the Chief, Security and Safety Division (SEC), Office of Administration (FLETC). Standard operating procedures governing range firing and range safety rules shall be established and enforced. The Chief, BATF National Academy, will designate Explosives Range Officers for the BATF.

b. The Chief, SEC, is responsible for ensuring that explosives and initiating devices are stored at the FLETC under proper physical security conditions and that physical security devices in place are functional and properly maintained.

c. The FLETC Safety Manager will conduct periodic checks to ensure that the FLETC explosives range is properly maintained for conducting safe explosive operations and that range safety rules are adhered to.

d. The Chief, Security Specialties Division, will designate Explosives Range Officers for the FLETC.

11. CONTROL MEASURES.

a. Explosive shots will be initiated on the established FLETC explosives range only. Exceptions to this restriction will require a memorandum request to the Director, FLETC, outlining the specifics of the shot: purpose, location, maximum explosives to be fired, and names of the responsible personnel.

b. Situations which necessitate the use of simulators in training exercises will require a written request submitted through normal channels to the Director, FLETC, outlining the specifics of the exercise, name of responsible individual, location, and safety procedures to be implemented. Training situations that are programmed on a recurring basis will be indicated in the initial request and, once approved, will not require the resubmission of a similar request.

c. No explosives and/or initiating devices will be brought onto the FLETC for use or storage without prior coordination with the Lead Explosives Instructor for the BATF National Academy or the FLETC.

d. Only authorized Explosives Range Officers, as previously designated by the BATF and/or the FLETC, will perform or supervise explosive operations on the Explosives Range.

e. Once a year the Chief, SEC, will notify the Glynn County Fire Department of the existence, location, and classification of explosives stored at the FLETC.

12. OFFICE OF PRIMARY INTEREST. Security Specialties Division, Office of General Training.

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